

## House Resolution 585

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Gang and Youth Violence Prevention; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a statewide survey of the Georgia Gang Investigators Association found that  
4 there are over 71,000 gang members or associates across this state; and

5 WHEREAS, every region of this state is impacted by gang and youth violence; and

6 WHEREAS, a review of resources available for the prevention of gang and youth violence  
7 is needed to determine the sufficiency of available resources and to provide for a greater  
8 synergy of resources.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

10 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee  
11 on Gang and Youth Violence Prevention.

12 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the  
13 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives. The Speaker shall also appoint an additional six nonlegislative members  
15 of the committee as follows: the commissioner of juvenile justice or his or her designee,  
16 the commissioner of human services or his or her designee, the State School  
17 Superintendent or his or her designee, and three persons who are representatives of  
18 community or social service organizations having programs for youth. The Speaker shall  
19 designate a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

20 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,  
21 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or  
22 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

23 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee  
24 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

**(5) Allowances, expenses, and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) Members of the committee who are state officials, other than legislative members, or who are state employees shall receive no compensation for their services on the committee, but they may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members of the committee in the same manner as they are reimbursed for expenses in their capacities as state officials or employees.

(C) Members of the committee who are not legislators, state officials, or state employees shall receive a daily expense allowance in an amount the same as that specified in subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as well as the mileage or transportation allowance authorized for state employees.

(D) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives; except that funds for the reimbursement of the expenses of state officials, other than legislative members, and for the reimbursement of the expenses of state employees shall come from funds appropriated to or otherwise available to their respective agencies.

**(6) Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

62       (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.